MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to the answer to part (*d*) of the question, may I know where the students, who were refused admission, resided last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question. I have not got that information now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know the grounds on which the Warden refused admission to them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Admission of students into the Hostel is left to the discretion of the Warden. He has said that in his opinion he found it necessary to refuse admission to them and therefore the applications for admission were rejected.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : So, no grounds have been mentioned by the Warden for refusing admission to these students?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No reasons have been stated by the Warden.

Excise System for the Tamaracolam Allom.

186. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to give the Excise or the Modified Excise System to the licensees of the Pazhaya *Allom*, Tamaracolam ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date on which the proposal matured and the reasons for not carrying it out till now (11-7-1930) ;

(*c*) whether there is any such proposal before them at present ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they have considered the necessity for holding a conference of the representatives of the licensees, the Account Officer, the Chief Secretary, the Excise Commissioner and the Head Sirkar Vakil to expedite the matter?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*c*) There is a proposal to introduce the Modified Excise System in the *Allom*.

(*b*) The question is still under correspondence.

(*d*) The matter is being considered by the Government. The Government do not consider that a conference of the kind proposed is necessary.

Purchase of lathis by the Police Department during 1102—1105.

187. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of *lathis* purchased by the Police Department during each of the years 1102, 1103, 1104 and 1105; and

(*b*) if the number purchased this year is larger than that in any of the previous years, the reason for the same?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No *lathis* were purchased during the years 1102, 1103 and 1105. 318 *lathis* were purchased in 1104.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether *lathis* were purchased after the resent Police Commissioner took charge of the Police Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): *Lathis* were purchased in 1104 as stated in the answer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The present Police Commissioner took charge of the Police Department, I think, in Chingam 1104. I ask whether *lathis* were purchased after the Police Commissioner took charge of the Department?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It may be so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there was any suggestion from the predecessor of Mr. Bishop about the purchase of *lathis*?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware of any such suggestion having been made by the previous Commissioner of Police.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): And so, the suggestion has originated from the present Commissioner of Police?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A reference to Government is not necessary for the purchase of *lathis*?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I wish to know from the member is whether the suggestion for the purchase of *lathis* originated from the present Police Commissioner?

PRESIDENT: That is an inference which you can draw from his statement. Why do you want him to give the inference when he has stated a fact?

Supply of lathis to the Police Department.

188. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Police Commissioner has supplied *lathis* for the use of the Police Force, and, if so, how many and when;

(*b*) the cost of those *lathis* and from where they were obtained;

(*c*) whether the present Commissioner of Police has been or is in correspondence with the Conservator of Forests with regard to the supply of *lathis* from the forests of the State; and

(*d*) whether the present Commissioner of Police has ordered a fresh supply of *lathis* from any other source?

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